



Military Traffic Management Command

XML Coordinating Group Meeting Minutes

10 December 2002

Introduction

The XML Coordinating Group (XML-CG) met in Room 10S64, MTMC Headquarters, Hoffman II 10:00 A.M. 10 December 2002. Chong Swabb, the MTMC EDI/XML Program Manager, chaired the meeting. Attendee introductions were made and an attendance roster was distributed for signature.

Discussions

1 - Chong Swabb requested that during the introductions each attendee discuss any XML projects and/or efforts currently in progress by their organization. Mike Kern, IBS, stated that there were no XML efforts currently being analyzed by IBS for implementation; Brooke Caldwell, MTMC Corporate Data Office (CDO) said there were only long term goals of using XML but there was nothing on the horizon; Vickie Moore, WPS software team, said there were no projects nor efforts to implement XML; Maurice Lynch, GFM, said that there are two different efforts within GFM. One, Java based, takes a flat file from a trading partner and converts it into XML to populate a GFM database. The second effort deals with the translator. One, which utilizes the translator to translate a flat file (not specific to any transaction set) produced within GFM. GFM is in the process of mapping that flat file into XML to send to IRRIS. The other was sending TS 858s to Powertrack in an XML format. The Powertrack effort was in the analysis phase only.

The first was utilizing their translator to translate flat file TS 858's into XML for IRRIS use. The second was trying to populate the GFM database with XML data produced by one of GFM's trading partners Power Track. Maurice mentioned that this effort had only been in the analysis phase and nothing more.

2 - Chong Swabb distributed the draft copy of the "United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) Extensible Markup Language (XML) and Namespace Registration Guide" dated 12 Nov 2002, and copies of the Power Point slides "Transportation XML Management: XML Task Group, dated 6 Nov 2002. Chong mentioned that information pertaining to the DoD registry, name spaces, and how to submit to them could be found at:

<http://diides.ncr.disa.mil/xmlreg/user/index.cfm>

3 - Chong Swabb discussed the purpose and organization of the USTRANSCOM Defense Transportation Electronic Business Committee (DTEB). She said that it's members were from MSC, MTMC, AMC, DLA, DISA, DFAS, and Power Track. The DTEB had subordinate work groups called Automated Carrier Interface (ACI), to which there was an ACI for each mode of transportation (ACI:Air, ACI:Rail, ACI:Motor, and ACI:Ocean). Each of the ACI work groups met with their commercial trading partners to discuss EDI and XML issues. There was one other work group which had recently been created under the DTEB, by the USTRANSCOM CDO office for XML. It would be through the ACI and XML work groups which all XML related issues would be resolved and specifications for name spaces, schemas, tag names, etc. approved. The MTMC XML Coordinating Group Meetings would not be part of the approval process. Instead this meeting would be oriented toward informing and educating members of the command in those XML projects and efforts being undertaken.

4 - Brooke Caldwell, MTMC CDO, mentioned that they were in the process of synchronizing the MTMC Enterprise Logical Data Model (ELDM) with the USTRANSCOM data model. A "Master Model" is being created by USTRANSCOM which will be comprised of all those data models from MTMC, MSC, and AMC. AMC was the first to be integrated because of it's simplicity.

Brooke informed the membership that the MTMC data repository/dictionary is operational and how they are trying to implement standards such as internal system interfaces.

5 - Vickie Moore, WPS, said that any efforts on their part were constrained until the award of STMS. Historically WPS was not involved in either the ACI nor DTEB meetings because WPS was not involved in the transmission of EDI. But now that both organizations are involved in XML technology, WPS should participate and be invited for the next meeting and/or teleconference.

6 - Maurice Lynch mentioned that GFM was providing IRRIS with actual TS 858 EDI data. IRRIS receives TS 315 data from IBS in a flat file format, TS 858 EDI code in a flat file, and TS 214 from Intellitrans through GeoSystems in a flat file format.

7 - Desmond Adams said that the CDO, office which is in charge, is only in the "review" process on how to manage and approve the XML schema's. If in fact he received schema's from IRRIS he would implement an interim process in order to support them. Desmond said that the CDO office had finished the "draft" TS 315 model. It would be passed onto USTRANSCOM, and could be available for internal command use.

Action Items

Bob Cunningham was asked to distribute, to the attendees, the email from Robert Huijkman, Quality Assurance, 598th U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Group describing the NEBS system.

Chong Swabb asked everyone to read the meeting hand-outs and make any comments which would in turn be sent to USTRANSCOM. Written comments are due by 27 December 2002.

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